Court Forms Info - Re: Request for SCAO-Approved Form for Parenting Time Policies

From: Court Forms Info To: Doug Dante

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Subject: Re: Request for SCAO-Approved Form for Parenting Time Policies

Thank you for your suggestions. They will be placed on file for discussion by the Friend of the Court Section of the Michigan Court Forms Committee meeting in March.

>>> Doug Dante <dougdante1@yahoo.com> 12/9/2006 12:10 AM >>> Carl Gromek
Chief of Staff
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Thank you for your memo to all interested persons regarding the process for developing and revising SCAO approved forms, and for your forward thinking in allowing any person to request that the SCAO develop a new form or revise an existing form.

The Friend of the Court Act 522.519 Mandates that Each friend of the court office:

"(e) Develop and recommend guidelines to be used by an office in determining whether or not parenting time has been wrongfully denied by the custodial parent."

Similarly, The Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act Act 295 of 1982, Sec. 42. says in part:

"Each circuit shall establish a makeup parenting time policy under which a parent who has been wrongfully denied parenting time is able to make up the parenting time at a later date."

I request that you develop a new form or revise any appropriate existing form to allow for any person to request both the makeup parenting time policy and the guidelines used by the office in determining whether or not parenting time has been wrongfully denied by the custodial parent.

Such a form will allow parents easy access to the basic procedures used by the court, and will allow them to understand effectively when and when not to petition the court regarding parenting time. This will reduce unnecessary parenting time complaints and save the court time and money.

Sincerely,

a.k.a. Doug Dante

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